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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Takeshi OGASAWARA et al.**

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For: **NICKEL ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE SECONDARY BATTERY AND  
ALKALINE SECONDARY BATTERY**

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**RESPONSE**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 13, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

**Arguments/Remarks** begin on page 2 of this paper.